Efficient use of energy sources

4203. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Japan which are fourth and fifth largest users of energy, have decided to set up working groups to cover power efficiency, oil and natural gas, coal, new technologies and nuclear power to work out a comprehensive plan;

(b) if so, whether both countries have reached an agreement to work together in achieving the efficiency;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken to implement them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) to (d) The India-Japan Energy Dialogue was launched on 23rd April, 2007 in Tokyo to promote bilateral cooperation in the energy sector. The two countries have agreed to establish five Working Groups on (i) electricity and power generation, (ii) energy efficiency, (iii) coal, (iv) renewable energy, and (v) petroleum and natural gas.

Funds for the development of new and renewable energy sources

4204. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated for Tamil Nadu for the development of new and renewable sources of energy, in the last two years, year-wise;

(b) the funds actually utilized and the achievements made for the development of these resources and the reasons for non-utilization of allocated funds;

(c) whether Government have made any assessment of the potential of the State for the development of renewable sources of energy; and